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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TAOYUAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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1. CONSTRUCTION OF TAOYUAN (TAIPEI) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ACCORDING ROC CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION (CAA), HAS BEEN "EXTENDED" RATHER THAN "POSTPONED" WITH COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE NOW PLANNED FOR END 1978 RATHER THAN 1977. PROJECT IS HARD PRESSED FOR FUNDS WITH 8 OTHER MAJOR ROC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS HAVING HIGHER PRIORITY. NONETHELESS, ACTIVIST CAA DIRECTOR AND STAFF, WITH SOME INTERNAL FINANCING AVAILABLE, INTEND PRESSING AHEAD WITH PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE. PROVIDING FINANCING FOR FOREIGN PROCUREMENT BECOMES AVAILABLE (EXIM OR COMMERCIAL), PROJECT WILL PROCEED, THOUGH SOMEWHAT AT SLOWER PACE THAN ORIGINALLY PROJECCED.

2. TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS (FULL GO-AHEAD WILL BE POLITICAL/ECONOMIC DECISION. SO TIMING IS VERY UNCERTAIN); CURRENT - FREEWAY INTERCHANGE IS APPROACHING COMPLETION,

TEMPORARY IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR ADJOINING FARMS ON NORTHWEST SLOPE TO PHILIPPINE SEA IS COMPLETED; MAIN INNER-CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ROAD UNDERWAY;

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SEPT. 1974 - INSTALLATION OF SUB-SOIL DRAINAGE NETWORK TO

BEGIN UNDER LOCAL CONTRACT;
MACRCH OR APRIL 1975 - EXCAVATION TO BE COMPLETED AND
BASEMENT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN.
JUNE 1978 - RUNWAY, TAXI APRONS, NAVAIDS INSTALLATION TO BE
II COMPLETED FOLLOWED BY 6 MONTHS TESTING AND
FLIGHT CHECKS.

3. DESIGN OF CONTROL TOWER HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY
HAWAII ARCHITECT SAM CHENG AND ASSOCIATES AND EQUIPMENT
DESIGN FOR OUTFITTING TOWER HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY
CAA STAFF IN CONSULTATION WITH RALPH PARSONS COMPANY.
CAA AERODROME DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING OFFICE WILL SERVE
AS OWN PRIME CONTRACTOR FOR ENTIRE PROJECT INCLUDING TOWER
CONSTRUCTION AND WILL SUB-CONTRACT ILS, RADAR, AND LIGHTING
SYSTEM IN THREE TURN-KEY PACKAGES. BID PACKAGES FOR THREE
INSTALLATIONS ARE ALREADY PREPARED BUT WILL AWAIT FUNDING
AVAILABILITY BEFORE TURNOVER TO ROC CENTRAL TRUST AND RELEASE
TO INTERNATIONAL TENDERS.

4. EMBASSY HAS ON FILE WTDR ON POLYTRON CORP. DATED
DECEMBER 1971 WHICH INDICATES FIRM WAS FORMED 1965, AND
IS INTERESTED IN REPRESENTATION OF U.S. COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES, ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS AND
SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS. FIRM IN 1971 REPRESENTED TELESKO INT'L
CORP., ROBURN AGENCIES AND AMF, INC., IN RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT AND WAS CONSIDERED A RESPONSIBLE TRADE CONTACT.
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